

THE ONLY TIME A BOXER ADMITS STEPPING BACK OR AWAY IS WHEN HE CONSIDERS THE PURSE TOO SMALL

Griff Calms Quinn's Fears of Having Trouble With Twirler

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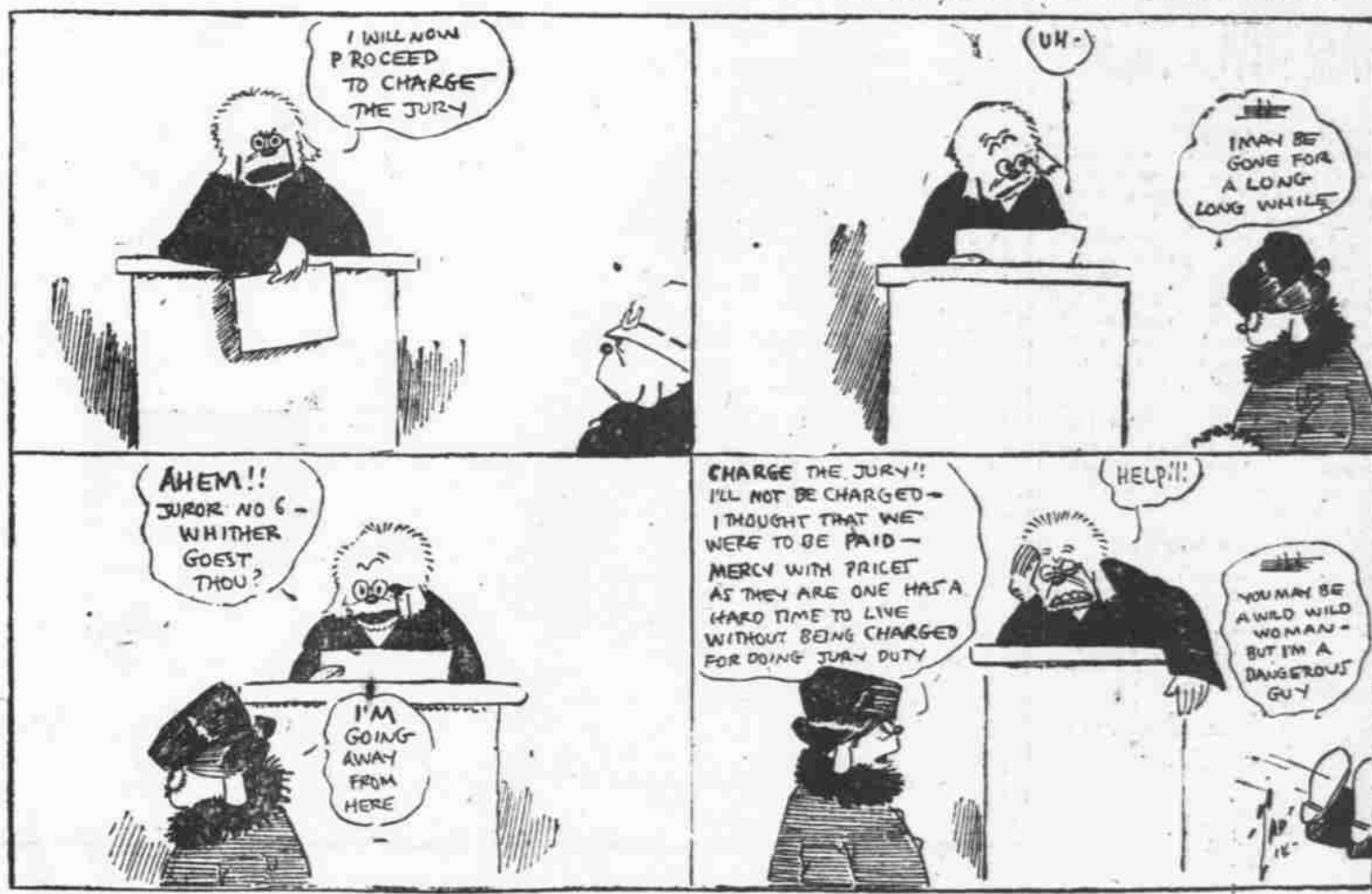
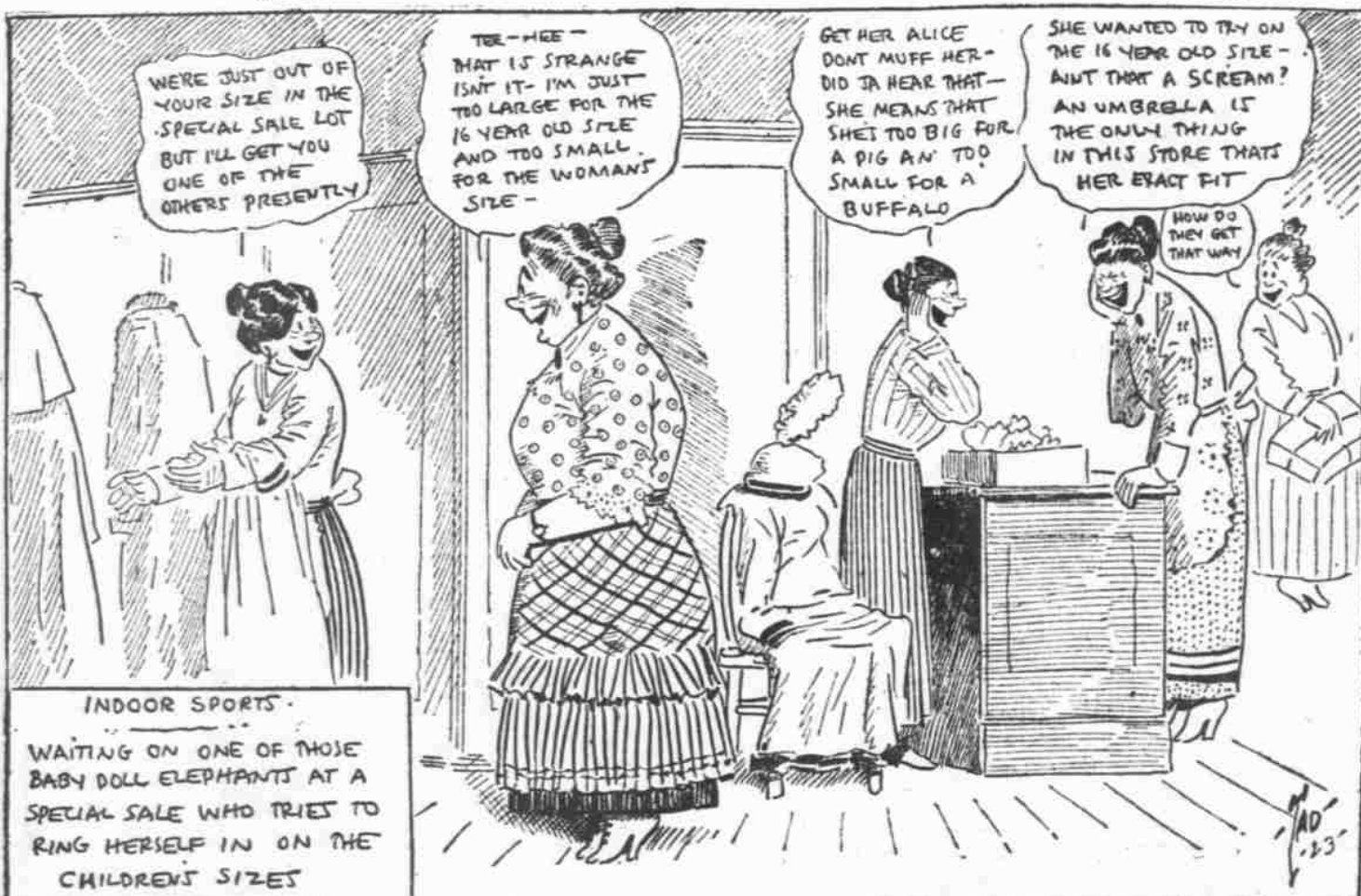
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She Had a Different Idea



GALLIA NOT SIGNED YET, BUT QUINN BOTHERS NOT

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Bert Gallia, sent to the Browns by Manager Griffith in the deal for Bert Shotton and Johnny Lavan, has not signed his 1918 contract, but Business Manager Bobby Quinn is worrying not at all. He recalls what the old Fox told him at the meeting in New York.

"Don't worry about Gallia," Griff told Quinn. "In the years he was with me, he never refused to sign a contract, but he always took his time, usually bringing it with him to the training camp. Bert is an easy lad to handle and always gives you the best he has."

Gallia is spending his winter in Texas, close to the Mexican border. The mild weather enables him to keep outdoors all winter, and he should report to Fiedler Jones in better shape than that of any other pitcher on the team. When with the Griffmen Bert used to be "bending" and within a couple of days after his arrival, though he cut this out last spring, preferring to take his time with his "hooks."

In some ways Gallia is a strange chap. He is inclined to be close-mouthed and never entertains his mates with his troubles. His personal habits are excellent and will cause Jones no worry on that account. He is ever ready for work and never shirks or quits under fire. The Old Fox gave Quinn the straight dope about Gallia and, though he is yet to forward his signed document, he will be on the job when the practice season begins.

McMullin a Regular.

Fred McMullin, who played whirlwind ball at third base for the White Sox in the closing battles of the 1917 campaign and continued his first class work against the Griffmen in the world's series, is to start as the regular third baseman this coming year.

McMullin warmed the bench until Buck Weaver broke a finger out at Georgia avenue one afternoon. Then he got his chance. He stayed on the job and impressed both Comiskey and Rowland so well with his playing that now that the Griffmen are in the world's series, he will be the utility infielder this year.

Steadiness and "pop" are McMullin's two most prominent qualities. He is not a slugger, though his .237 was better than Rube's .203 last season, but he is a most dependable athlete. That's why he is looked for the hot corner when the world's champions get down to business.

Sawyer is Holding Out.

Carl Sawyer, former comedian with the Griffmen, may not play ball this year. He is now acting in the movies in California, and if he cannot get a transfer from the American Association to the Pacific Coast League, he may stick to the pictures and leave baseball flat on its back.

The Californian never quite recovered from his release by Clark Griffith. He believed himself worthy of a trial in the infield, but he never got much of one. He could not hit big league pitching, and his heaving whip was none too strong. Had he remained, he had planned to spring bundles of comic stuff that would have given him a far wider reputation than Germany Schaefer ever had. His early release to Minneapolis soured him, and he may now quit the small time stuff.

"Hippo" Vaughn, the Cubs' big southpaw, has not signed for 1918, but he has rented a house in Chicago. If that means anything, maybe he's going to get a job on one of those Chicago river canal boats.

Where Sympathy Lies.

In all these stories of holdouts it is noted among fans that the sympathy is largely with the magnates, not with the players. In the past the player received the unqualified support of the fans.

Oh, What a Mob Won't Turn Out to See This Bargain Day in Cold

If you look carefully over the American League's official schedule for 1918, you'll note that Connie Mack and Ping Bodie, with maybe Rube Oldring, will be the attraction at the Polo Grounds in a double-header against the Yankees. Gee, what a mob won't turn out to see Ping and Connie, and maybe Rube, battle the Yanks.

October 7 is a Monday, the final day of the season. By that time Connie and Ping will be fighting manfully for baseball oblivion. They'll probably have a total of 105 or 110 defeats by that time and will do their best to annex two more on that last, shivery afternoon. The world's series will be on within a day or two, but that won't interfere with Connie and Ping.

Wow, won't the war tax be huge for that last double-header? Yes, it won't.

ers stay out of the game through peevishness caused by salary cuts, they will find themselves soon forgotten.

Prefers Bill Killifer.

Pat Moran, manager of the Phillies, believes Bill Killifer is a better catcher than Ray Schalk, the American League's star receiver. He says that Killifer, now with the Cubs, is a better thrower and escapes injury better, two principal qualifications for a major league catcher.

In five years with the Phillies Killifer caught 565 games, averaging 113 to a season. His hammer-year saw him catch 140 and his worst 85 games.

Joe Boehling, former Griffman, bumped into Jim Dunn, the Cleveland mogul, while honeymooning in New York and intimating gently that he was better than the kid who hit the best better terms were offered him. Dunn, who is getting wise to baseball affairs rapidly, told him that he would do nothing to stand in Boehling's way and even advised him to take any good job he could get off the diamond. Boehling then struck up another tune.

Boehling received, it is whispered, \$5,000 for each of the last three years. He coaxes this out of Clark Griffith in the days of the Federal League menace. For the past two years Joe has received \$10,000 for about \$100 worth of baseball.

Fans Will Miss Heinie.

American League fans will miss Heinie Wagner, who has been let out by the Red Sox. Wagner is not needed, now that Johnny Evers has been obtained to act as coach for the Bostonians.

In his day Wagner ranked with the best shortstops in the business. It was his spectacular fielding in the 1917 world's series that kept him from going out ahead on more than one occasion. An injury to his throwing arm put him on the bench, but he became a capable coach for the team which he had captained. Now he passes out, but Boston fans at least will long remember his wonderful work at short for the old Red Sox.

Gandil, under study for Chick Gandil, has signed for 1918, so Gandil is assured of competition. What's that—competition?

TAD'S TID-BITS

BAT NELSON KNOCKS OUT HYLAND.



On the floor, resting, with an expression of joy, you see the famous Dick Hyland, of San Francisco. Strolling away, to the right, is Battling Nelson, at that time lightweight champion of the world.

Strange as it may seem, it was Nelson's last big fight as a champion. Bat, at that time, was worried by a challenger named Wolgast, and to test himself took on the forty-five round thing with Hyland. He worked nicely and figured that he was still there.

Some months later he accepted the defi thrown down by Wolgast and crossed bats with him at a small town across the bay from Frisco, called Point Richmond.

At the end of forty rounds Eddie Smith, the same man who refereed the fight with Hyland, stopped the battle (although Nelson was still on his feet and fighting) and handed the championship to Wolgast.

Nelson never showed much speed in the squared circle after that meeting.

We Wish to Hear From—

A ring champion who was not a blacksmith nor cowboy in his youth nor received more than \$3 for his first battle, which was his hardest.

What has become of the old-fashioned grocer who used to stick a potato on the spout of the oil can?

What has become of the old-fashioned boxing champion who used to tour the country offering \$500 to any man who would stay four rounds with him?

Connie Mack seems to be the goat these days for all the ball sharks. Every one is putting the "raz" on him. Since Connie sold his stars his club hasn't amounted to a row of pins. He started with nothing once before, though, and still came through with the best club ever. He still has the "Phil" franchise. That's not to be sneered at. Some say it's not worth the powder to blow it to—

Which reminds us of the two Irishmen looking for a friend in the morgue. One of the Irishmen was coughing when his friend remarked: "Hey, 'Mull', that's a nasty cough you got there."

"Mull" turned around and, pointing to the alms, piped: "Yea, it is, but a lot of them guys would like to have it."

CHEYENNE OIL MAGNATE WITHDRAWS FIGHT OFFER

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Because of the refusal of the Red Cross or the Army Y. M. C. A. to accept funds derived from a boxing bout P. Chester Thompson, of Cheyenne, Wyo., the oil man who offered \$100,000 for a bout between Jess Willard and some adversary has withdrawn his offer, according to word sent here by Thompson.

The plan to match Willard and Jack Dempsey, Frank Moran, or Fred Fulton in Cheyenne July 4 has been abandoned.

FRED FULTON FAVORED BY NEW ORLEANS FANS

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 23.—Fight fans here are making Fred Fulton an 8-to-5 favorite in the betting for his match with Frank Moran Monday night. Huge crowds are watching Fulton at work in his training, and the Minnesota plasterer is a big hit here.

Moran is doing his training at the army cantonment where he is boxing instructor, but was scheduled to arrive here today.

GEORGE WHITTED WOULD JOIN MITCHELL'S CUBS

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—George Whitted, outfielder of the Philadelphia Nationals, is the latest ball player to seek a job with the Chicago Cubs.

Whitted is here today, and is scheduled to confer with President Weeghman. It is declared he is dissatisfied with the terms of his Philadelphia contract and has been given permission to make a deal for himself.

MEDICOS PLAY HERE.

Johns Hopkins Medicos will engage the George Washington University basketball team at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock. The Hopkins team has some exceptionally good players.

Coach Murphy, of G. W. U., is working his team up in preparation for the C. U. game next Saturday.

TWO CLUBS ALONE HAVE ANY SCHEME FOR EXTRA MONEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Only two major league clubs have any definite plans for the disposition of the "breakage" resulting from the extra pennies to be turned in by the fans this coming season. They are the Giants and the Cubs of the National League.

Reports received here today show that the club owners, with the two exceptions noted, either have formed no definite plan as yet, or see no reason why they should donate their surplus to charity. Even the Washington club, of which Clark Griffith is manager, has done nothing. Griffith is in charge of a fund to supply baseballs, bats, and gloves to soldiers in cantonments.

Secretary John E. Foster, of the Giants, said that club had donated about 40,000 free admissions to soldiers last year, and, in addition had given a huge sum to charity. This will be enlarged this year. The fund from surplus pennies will be laid aside solely for charitable purposes.

Walter Craighead, secretary of the Cubs, favors giving the whole thing to charity.

President Navin, of the Tigers, hasn't made up his mind yet what he will do. President Houghton, of the Braves, is waiting for the American League to take some action. Harry Frazee, of the Red Sox, will do as the others do.

No answer has been received from the Cleveland club. Garry Herrmann, of the Reds, would not make a reply. Garry Grabinger, of the White Sox, has the opinion that the White Sox would not be found wanting, pointing to Comiskey's donations last year. No one could make a reply in St. Louis. Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pirates, was ill and could not answer. The Dodgers are waiting, and so are the Yankees.

WILL BURY MCGOVERN IN BROOKLYN MONDAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A requiem mass will be said Monday for Terry McGovern at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Brooklyn. Interment will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Sam Harris, former manager of the boxer, will pay the funeral expenses and will act as a pallbearer. In company with George M. Colan and Joe Humphreys, both of whom were associated with McGovern in his palmy days.

LAVAN TO HAVE CHAT WITH HIS NEW OWNER

Johnny Lavan is due here tomorrow for a conference with Manager Griffith concerning his 1918 contract. If they agree on terms, the former Brooklyn shortstop may sign up before departing for St. Louis.

Lavan recently passed his examinations for a commission in the medical corps of the navy, but has not received any orders since. He now looks forward to playing ball this season.

DEMPEY TAKES CHANCE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 23.—Jack Dempsey won 600 enthusiastic supporters for three rounds at Morgan's Auditorium. The Western heavy meets Phil Brennan Monday night.

FOUR MEN LOSE OUT.

Hoopley, Morgan, Flek, and Rowan, counted out to perform in the Hopkins meet for tonight, lost out on account of having gone into the army. The lads enlisted some time ago and received their call yesterday.

PLAYS AT EPISCOPAL.

Episcopal High School will engage the Army and Navy Prep lads at Alexandria today. The Episcopal High School is also sending a bunch of runners to attend the Hopkins games.

CENTRAL CHAMPS HANG UP TWELFTH VICTORY

Central's championship basketball team is likely to finish the season with an unbroken string of victories if the Mt. Pleasant lads continue their winning streak. To date Central has annexed twelve games in a row, having gone steadily forward from victory to victory since January 19.

The last defeat recorded against Central was at Staunton, Va., by the Staunton Military Academy team which won out by 29 to 17. Since that date Central has defeated Staunton.

But three times this season has Central been defeated. At the start of the season with Dave Wilson out of the line, Central was beaten by the Baltimore City College team. The City College lads have since won the title in Baltimore.

Business defeated Central by 15 to 12 in a league game here after Wilson was out of the game. The other defeat was that recorded by Staunton in Staunton. Central is more than anxious to get even with Baltimore City College, and has arranged for a return game with the Monumental City champions.

Since losing to Staunton all of Central's wins have been by good margins. The Mt. Pleasant lads have defeated the best teams in the city, and have earned the right to be called titelholders here. Tome has been defeated twice decisively, and the Baltimore Poly proved no match for Central in their recent engagement.

The winning streak was started in Staunton on January 19, when, after the Staunton Military Academy defeat, Central swamped the Staunton High School by 105 to 6. Episcopal was then beaten by 35 to 29 and Staunton came up here for a licking to the tune of 48 to 12.

Western was trimmed by 15 to 13 in a league game at the Y. M. C. A. just after the trip to Staunton.

Technical was downed 29 to 8, and then Baltimore Poly were drubbed by 36 to 23. Business was trimmed by 19 to 12 and Tome was treated to a 33 to 25 defeat on its own floor. The Army and Navy Prep visited Central and were defeated by 38 to 21, failing to register a point in the first half.

Eastern was defeated 39 to 3 in a record high school score, after which Tome came here for a 31 to 15 defeat. The defeat of the Boys' Y. M. C. A. team Wednesday added another to Central's string. Eastern will prove no task on Tuesday, and then the Baltimore City basketers will be taken on.

Sam Solomon and Forrest Daly are the forwards, Dave Wilson is center, and Jasper Long and 3 Foster the guards. Felt, Cullen, Newby, and Potter have played during the season. Roy Balkman is manager. The team is coached by C. A. Metzler, who has won his third straight championship in athletics for Central.

EJECT WOMAN WHO GAVE DOGS CANDY AT KENNEL SHOW

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Fear that an "enemy alien" was endeavoring to scatter broadcast poisoned candy among the thousands of more blue-blooded dogs on exhibition at the Westminster bench show at Madison Square Garden was the sensation of the big holiday crowd.

"Chief" Hall, protector of the Yorkbourn kennels, detected a woman sprinkling food over the cages of the "million-dollar" top dogs. He questioned her, and she told him that she was just fond of dogs, and that there was nothing but sugar in her offerings. It was suspected, though, that there might be poison in the candy, and she was ejected from the building.

Wyeolair Day, Mrs. Roy A. Rainey's wonderful champion, came to the front in the competition for the Coleman Handicap for the best fox terrier in the show. He stepped right out and defeated Maribald Wagon, who had conquered the wires on Thursday.

A Canadian bull terrier, Haymarket Fantasia, created a sensation by being declared the best terrier in the show. His nearest competitor was Rims Primus, P. F. Hood's crack Alredale.

LEWIS IS BUSY LAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Tod Lewis, the welterweight champion, is matched today for a six-round bout here with Soldier Barfield Monday night and a ten-round go with Willie Langford, the colored welterweight, at Buffalo, Tuesday night.

WINS BOTH GAMES.

Western High School Juniors and Middies are evened up today with the fight of the Y. M. C. A. and first "Y" Middies. The Juniors defeated the Hero Club by 17 to 14, and the Middies of Western hung up a 16 to 13 victory over the "Y" lads.

GONZAGA CLEANS UP.

Gonzaga Reserves defeated the Eastern Reserves by 28 to 10, while the Middies defeated the Ramblers by 27 to 3. Fitzgerald, of the Reserves, shot nine baskets from the floor.

GEORGETOWN WILL TRY HARD TO WIN BATTLE

Georgetown's basketball team will stack up against the Lafayette College basketball team in a very gymnastic tonight and will try its best to even up for the defeat handed out when Georgetown took its trip. The Lafayette lads expect a tough game because Freddy Fees will be in the line-up for the Hilltoppers.

Lafayette has a strong basketball team which defeated Catholic University by a narrow margin yesterday. The Easternians were out in front at the end of the first half by 16 to 6, but were clearly outplayed when C. U. began to get going in the second half. Catholic University brought the score up to 18 to 15.

ROLLS HIGH SET.

The National Capital duckpin team of the National Capital League got a honors last night in defeating the Royals, with scores of 553, 575, and 609, for a total of 1,737.

WALLACE WINS PLACE.

Walter Wallace took third place in the playoff for the District pocket billiard title tournament at the Grand Central by defeating Carl Guy by 100 to 85. Wallace recently challenged Richard Tipton for the title and lost.

LAFAYETTE'S LADS TO JOIN SERVICE AT SEASON'S END

Lafayette College basketers visiting here for games with Catholic University are playing out their last string, according to Sam Miller, a Washington boy, who formerly went to Technical High School here.

"After this trip all of our players, with one exception," said Miller today, "will be in the army or navy. After the season is over we will all enlist."

Miller did little in athletics here at Tech, but blossomed out as a first-rate basketball player at the Technical School. He was also the star hurler of the baseball team at Tome and performed here last year, when Lafayette came down on its spring tour.

Anderson, captain of the Lafayette team, and rated as one of the best forwards in the country, cannot get into Uncle Sam's service on account of defective eyesight. Strange to relate, Anderson is one of the most accurate free tossers in the country from the fifteen-foot line.

The Lafayette players have had a deal of success this season. They have lost but three games and have been able to play consistently well on trips. The team is fast, strong, and abundant of reserve power on the board.

PAUL ROBESON WILL TRY FOR ALL-AROUND TITLE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Robeson, Rutgers' great football star, and one of the finest all-around athletes in the American colleges, has been entered in the pentathlon championship of the colleges of America, which is held as one of the feature events of Pennsylvania's great annual relay carnival.

This husky athlete seems capable of making good wherever he is placed. Last fall he proved himself one of the greatest football players in the country, and was chosen by Walter Camp for a place on his team. Robeson is known to be very speedy.

In the pentathlon he will have to run 200 meters, 1,500 meters, throw the discus, throw the javelin and broad jump. He is known to be good at the shorter run and the broad jump, and with his adaptability he should make a very hard man to beat in this event.

WOMEN WILL DRAW FOR MATCHES IN TOURNAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The drawing for places in the preliminary rounds of the women's national indoor tennis championships, to begin Monday, will be held today. Almost every star in the ranks of women players has forwarded her entry, and the tournament is expected to set a new mark in a competitive way.

Miss Mollie Burnside, Miss Marie Wagner, the present indoor champion; Miss Florence Ballin, Miss Margaret Taylor, and many others are among the entries. The only players of recent national prominence who has not entered is Miss Mary K. Browne, of San Francisco, who recently retired.

SCHMIDT WINS RACE.

A. Edwin Schmidt, representing the Baltimore Cross Country Club, won the Washington birthday cross country run in Baltimore yesterday, leading Jo Medura, a Washington lad, across the line in 36 minutes 2.55 seconds. William Schmidt, of the Carroll Institute, was in seventh place.

CLINCHES FLOOR TITLE.

Pennsylvania University is practically assured of the intercollegiate basketball championship. The Penn players defeated Cornell by 27 to 22 in Weighman Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., last night. Penn has won six straight in the league and lost but one game this season.